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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Submitted: 10/24/02
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent
application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add claims 6-13 as follows:

6. An optical cable adapter or connector to
which a plurality of optical plugs are detachably connected,
comprising:

a pair of adapter members or connector members
attached to a panel; and

a plurality of plugging cavities provided in said
adapter members or connector members such that said
plugging cavities are inclined with respect to said panel.

7. The optical cable adapter or connector
according to claim 6, wherein said adapter members or
connector members are joined together such that respective
front faces thereof abut on each other.

8. The optical cable adapter or connector
according to claim 6 or 7, wherein each of said adapter
members or connector members comprises a flange section